

Meeting of:	<b>Standards Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Thursday, 09 September 2021</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Application for Dispensation
Purpose of Report:	To consider any applications for dispensation received.
Report Owner:	Ms. Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Responsible Officer:	Mrs. Karen Bowen, Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	This report does not involve any consultation with other parties
Policy Framework:	This report is a matter for consideration by the Standards Committee
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider any applications for dispensation received.</li> <li>• On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, being the time of the despatch of the agenda, no applications have been received.</li> <li>• Should any applications be received they will be forwarded to members of the Committee with a copy added to the Council's website alongside this agenda.</li> </ul>	

## **Recommendation**

1. That the Standards Committee consider any applications received.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

1. To comply with the regulations and obligations for the grant of dispensations to speak and vote.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Standards Committee Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001 permits Members to apply to Standards Committee to speak and, if appropriate, to vote on issues which due to prejudicial interests, they may not otherwise be able to speak or vote or remain in the room.
- 1.2 In order to deal with the applications as quickly as possible, it is necessary for the Standards Committee to receive full information of the interests involved and why in the Member's opinion dispensation should be given.
- 1.3 Applicants are advised that they are also able to attend the Standards Committee meeting to present their application if they wish to do so.

## **2. Key Issues for Consideration**

- 2.1 At the time of the agenda despatch for the meeting no applications for dispensation have been received. However, as the next meeting of the Committee is not taking place until 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 should any applications be received in time for the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September this report is being included with the agenda.

## **3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?**

- 3.1 One of the roles and functions of the Standards Committee (as detailed in the Council's Constitution) is to consider the granting of dispensations to Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor Representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.

## **4. Resources and Legal Considerations**

### **Financial**

- 4.1 None as a direct result of this report.

### **Employment**

- 4.2 None as a direct result of this report.

### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 4.3** The Council is required to comply with the Standards Committee Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001.

### **5. Background Papers**

Standards Committee Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001.